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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2003 for the above-referenced application. A petition to extend the time of response from October 23, 2003 to January 23, 2004 and a Notice of Appeal are submitted herewith.

**Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant to schedule a telephonic interview upon receipt of this paper.**

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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